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ABRAMS

Serial No.: 10/670,091

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For: "FLOCKED TRANSFER AND
ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE
INCLUDING THE FLOCKED
TRANSFER"

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

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Sir:

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☒ Examiner's attention is drawn to the following co-pending applications, copies of which have been or are being submitted:

Serial No. 10/614,399 filed July 3, 2003
Serial No. 10/614,340 filed July 3, 2003
Serial No. 10/613,982 filed July 3, 2003
Serial No. 10/613,981 filed July 3, 2003
Serial No. 10/455,575 filed June 4, 2003
Serial No. 10/455,541 filed June 4, 2003

Serial No. 10/394,357 filed March 21, 2003
Serial No. 10/265,206 filed October 4, 2002
Serial No. 09/735,721 filed December 13, 2000
Serial No. 09/629,746 filed July 31, 2000
Serial No. 09/621,830 filed July 24, 2000

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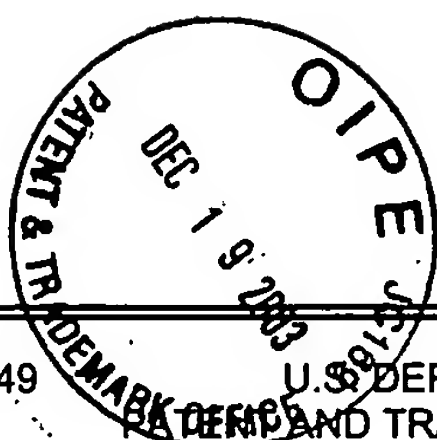
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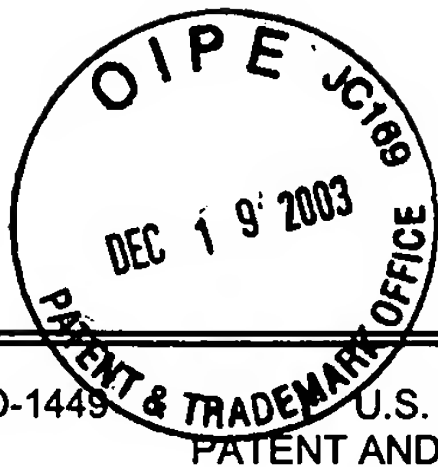
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